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SUBJ: UNRWA WORKING GROUP MEETING MAY 3

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1. SUMMARY : UNRWA WORKING GROUP (WG) MEETING MAY 3
FOCUSED ON PARA 7 OF CG' S " NOTE FOR WORKING GROUP." US,
SUPPORTED BY UK, FRANCE AND JAPAN, INSISTED ANY APPEAL FOR
ADDITIONAL FUNDS NOT BE RELATED TO DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR.
WG DECIDED TO HAVE RAPPORTUER DRAFT AN
APPEAL WHICH SYG WOULD ISSUE ON BEHALF UNRWA, AND IT WILL
CONSIDER AT NEXT MEETING (UNSCHEDULED) POSSIBLE APPROACHES
IN SELECTED CAPITALS TO FOLLOW UP SYG' S APPEAL. END SUMMARY

2. WG HELD 31 ST MEETING MAY 3 UNDER CHAIRMAN AMB. OLCAY
(TURKEY) TO CONSIDER CG' S NOTE ON AGENCY' S FINANCIAL POSI-
TION. PRESENT WERE MAHMASSANI (LEBANON), NOGUCHI (JAPAN),
LICLERCQ (FRANCE), CLELAND (GHANA), ARVESEN (NORWAY), MAHON
(US), WESTON (UK), ABDULAH (T& T), TUZEL AND AKBEL (TURKEY)
AND VAN WIJK (UNRWA).

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3. ON POINT OF CLARIFICATION, LICERCQ NOTED CG' S
SUMMARY SHOWED FRENCH PLEDGE FOR 1973 OF \$800,000. THAT
FIGURE WAS EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION AT END OF 1972, HE EX-
PLAINED, WHILE 1973 PLEDGE IS \$1,000,000.

4. RE PARA 7 OF CG' S REPORT, MISOFF MADE POINT THAT ALL CONTRIBUTORS (NOT ONLY THOSE CONTRIBUTING IN US DOLLARS. AS CG IMPLIED) SHOULD SHARE IN OVERCOMING UNRWA BUDGETARY DEFICIT. THIS POINT WAS SUPPORTED IN TURN BY REPS OF UK, FRANCE AND JAPAN. LEBANESE REP SAID HE SAW NO FAIR ALTER NATIVE TO CG' S SUGGESTION BUT WAS OPEN TO SUGGESTION.

5. JAPAN AND TURKEY INDICATED, IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN' S REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON EFFECT OF DOLLAR DEVALUATION ON CONTRIBUTIONS OF VARIOUS WG MEMBERS, THAT THEY HOPED TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA. CHAIRMAN DEPLORED FACT ONE CONTRIBUTOR (SWEDEN) HAD DECIDED REDUCE ITS CONTRIBUTION IN LIGHT DOLLAR DEVALUATION, AND SUGGESTED WG URGE OTHER CONTRIBUTORS NOT FOLLOW SUIT.

6. RAPPORTEUR (ARVESEN) SUGGESTED WG ASK SYG TO ISSUE GENERAL APPEAL TO ALL UN MEMBER GOVTS FOR EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEET UNRWA DEFICIT. HE ALSO PROPOSED APPEAL BE FOLLOWED UP BY SPECIFIC APPROACHES BY WG MEMBERS TO SELECTED GOVTS. CHAIRMAN ASKED RAPPORTUER TO ASSUME REponsIBILITY FOR DRAFTING TEXT OF APPEAL, CLEARING IT WITH WG MEMBERS AND MAKING IT AVAILABLE TO VICE CHAIRMAN (CLELAND) WHO WOULD MEET WITH SYG ON SUBJECT (CHAIRMAN WILL BE ABSENT NEXT TWO AND HALF WEEKS).

7. LEBANON, GHANA AND TURKEY AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING MEETING TRIED TO TIE APPEAL TO DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR. UK REP FLATLY STATED HIS GOVT COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH ANY APPEAL THAT MENTIONED DEVALUATION OR REVALUATION OF CURRENCIES. WE SUPPORTED THAT POSITION ON EACH OCCASION. FRENCH REP STATED, UNDER INSTRUCTION, HE COULD NOT SUPPORT ANY LINKING OF DEVALUATION AND UNRWA DEFICIT. TRINIDAD AND TOGAGO REP ALSO HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT LINKING DEFICIT TO DEVALUATION.

8. BALANCE OF MEETING DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF APPROACHES AT REGIONAL LEVAL TO ARAB GOVTS AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 8 OF CG' S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NOTE. LABENESE REP ASSUMED THIS MEANT CG PLANS MAKE APPROACHES WITHOUT WG PARTICIPATION. UK REP SUGGESTED SOME WG MEMBERS MIGHT PLAY USEFUL ROLE. UK URGED AT LEAST THAT DUPLICATION BE AVOIDED, AND REFERRED TO VISIT OF FORMER WG CHAIRMAN LAST YEAR TO SOME GULF STATES ALREADY APPROACHED BY UK REPS.

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